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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Notification of November 06, 2001, kindly enter and consider the following amendment and remarks for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the abstract originally submitted by the substitute AB-STRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE attached hereto (ie. Appendix I).

REMARKS

Applicants have attached hereto a revised Abstract of the Disclosure in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b). In light of the attached, the application papers should now be in proper form. Favorable action is solicited.